

I have been a subscriber to XM for over a year, and currently have four XM receivers. I pay my monthly bill, for which I get the programming that I want to listen to. I do not listen to stations in Columbus, OH because many of them are owned by Clear Channel Communications, and quite frankly, they are horrible. They all have similar formats even though they are country, pop and alternative. I have even noticed they all go to commercial at similar times--so if you switch to another channel to escape commercials, you are just going to hear them anyway. I have worked for a cable company for over 4 years and have all my television programming piped into my house because I want more choice. Millions of consumers do that and pay for it. How is that any different than paying for a radio service when I do not want to listen to local stations that are worthless. If people want free radio, that is fine-- they can have all the commercials and bad DJs that they want. I enjoy my XM service, and localizing XM service in my area would be incredible--to give the clowns around here some much needed competition. Finally, I must reiterate, IF I WANT TO PAY FOR MY SATELLITE RADIO SERVICE, THEN THE NAB SHOULD HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO SAY IN THE MATTER! If a consumer wants a premium service, then they will pay for it. Simple as that. If NAB is that desperate, tell them to offer a better product. Petition 04-160 is completely stupid and petty and should be rejected with two big thumbs down. If consumers of XM and non-consumers are not complaining, then what is the point of this petition?

Thank you for your time,

Don England

A VERY happy XM subscriber.